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September 16, 2002

Mr. Sid Mortensen
Safety Administrator
Utah Power & Light
1407 West North Temple, Suite 270
Salt Lake City, UT 84140

SENT VIA FACSIMILE ONLY TO (801) 220-4307

Dear Mr. Mortensen:

I am an On-Scene Coordinator in the Superfund Removal Program and am investigating the former Vermiculite Intermountain facility at 333 West 100 South in Salt Lake City. This facility has been torn down, but its former location was on property currently occupied by a UP&L electrical substation, as well as some adjacent properties. EPA has determined that there may be tremolite asbestos contamination on the property from vermiculite processing operations conducted by Vermiculite Intermountain. The facility processed vermiculite from a mine in Libby, Montana to produce insulation and other products. Vermiculite from this mine has been determined to be comingled with tremolite asbestos. I would like to take soil samples on this property and conduct air monitoring to determine if tremolite asbestos is present.

Sampling will consist of taking shallow soil samples at the ground surface and using a geoprobe device to collect core samples down to 12 or 18 inches below ground surface. The holes from the geoprobe coring will be re-filled with bentonite chips and/or the leftover soil material from the cores. EPA will conduct a utility check prior to any sampling to ensure that no utilities will be damaged. During our recent phone conversation, you stated that a UP&L electrical safety representative would need to be present during our sampling event.

I would like to conduct the sampling in October, 2002. I will notify you when I receive the laboratory results from the sampling and provide you with copies of the data.

I have enclosed a short article that references the Vermiculite Intermountain facility. The article states that the facility was moved to a new location at 733 West 800 South in 1984. I have also been conducting sampling at that location.

I have enclosed a copy of EPA's standard access agreement. I am requesting that UP&L sign and return the access agreement to me. My fax number is (303) 312-6071. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have questions at (303) 312-6822. EPA's attorney for this site is Matthew Cohn, (303) 312-6853. Thank you very much for your assistance during this project.

Sincerely,

Joyce M. Ackerman On-Scene Coordinator

Enclosure

### CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY

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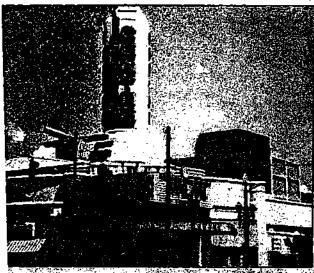
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300,000 square foot structure immediately to its south where the club is presently located.

The larger phase, of which 50,000 square feet would be given over to the Ambassador Club, would go up first, according to Atkinson, with the second phase to follow once the club's existing facility is vacated in favor of the new quarters.

Joe Breen, a spokesman for Daniel Construction confirmed

# New company takes over business of Salt Lake's Vermiculite Intermountain

by Teresa Browning-Hess Staff Writer

Intermountain Products Inc., a new Utah corporation, has been formed to assume the exclusive area manufacturing and distribution franchise for a line of insulation and related products from the 44-year-old Salt Lake City-based Vermiculite Intermountain, according to Robert Merther, president of Intermountain Pro-

Vermiculite Intermountain, which has been licensed to manufacture by Cambridge, Massachusetts based W.R. Grace Construction Products Division, was started locally in Plitt's regional manager, 1940, and has been involved in manufacturing and distribution of insulation under the trade name of Zonolite, Monokote structural steel fireproofing, Terralité vermiculite soil conditioners, masonry fill and concrete and plaster aggregate, according to president Lee Irvine. Irvine's impending retirement from Vermiculite Intermountain led to his decision to phase out the business, he said.

The new Intermountain Products will be headquartered in a 9,600 square foot location currently leased from Building Systems Inc., which recently purchased the 733 W. 800 So. property and existing structure

from Dunn Oil, said Merther, who went on to say the company has a short term lease and plans to eventually purchase its location as soon as negotiations are completed as to how to split the acreage.

Intermountain Products will not be fully operational until sometime in December, said Merther, after the installation see VERMICULITE page two

### Contractor accuses union of forcing arbitration

by Barbara Rattle Associate Editor

Salt Lake's Nielco Inc., a construction contractor, is accusing a sheet metal workers union local of unlawfully forcing the company to submit contract matters to a multiemployer arbitration panel in which the firm claims it is not a member and to which it has never delegated any authority to act on its behalf.

In a charge filed last week with the National Labor Relations Board against local 312 of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Nielco claims the union has forced a bargaining deadlock on nonsee NIELCO page two

### Utah sole propreitors' income on rise

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Local\_312 spokesman Hertel L. Thompson said the nion's contract at the company

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expired April 30 and that the dispute involves the use of an arbitration committee designed to settle employer/union stale-

"We have a local arbitration committee, designated in the previous contract negotiations. which is a joint committee consisting of Nielco peers and our peers," he said. "It's bound to meet on any contract dispute that cannot be worked out between us. If they reach a unanimous decision, both parties

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are bound by its terms. If they don't, the dispute goes to a national panel of peers and if they reach a unanimous decision, it is also binding on both parties," he said.

Nielco is apparently claiming a dispute now before a national panel involves non-mandatory subjects of bargaining, he said.

"We want to meet and negotiate," Thompson said. "They-apparently-don't."

Denver attorneys who filed the charge for Nielco could not be reached for comment last week.

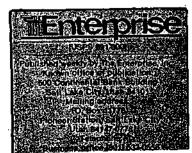
Intermountain assumes the W.R. Grace production franchise for Utah and southern Idaho, said Merther, who noted he has worked for the W.R. Grace Construction Products

# Ambassador

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the club is not currently accepting new members in order to preserve the equity position of

The club's present building, originally the Fifth East Hotel, was built to house estranged polygamist wives following the outlaw of plural marriages in Utah in the late nineteenth century.



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of new manufacturing equipment at the facility. Until that time, production will continue at Vermiculite Intermountain's 333 W. 100 So. location, he said, noting there will be no interruption of service to customers.

Intermountain Products will have approximately ten employees, and Merther said he intends to retain at least some of the employees presently with Vermiculite Intermountain. He declined to project gross sales for the new business, but said Vermiculite Intermountain had averaged \$500,000 to \$600,000 annually, a figure which was confirmed by Irvine.

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Division in Cambridge, Massachusetts for the past nine years, before starting the new business.

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alleges the three companies organized and sold units in the project, employing visual aids and other sales brochures depicting improvements the finished project would have. Buyers and prospective buyers were allegedly promised a covered swimming pool, an Avard Fairbanks memorial museum on site, an arts and crafts center within the museum, a furnished clubhouse with exercycles, a pool table, a ping pong table, work benches and other amenities constituting woodworking or general hobby. facility and an option to rent recreational vehicle parking space to be located on adjacent land.

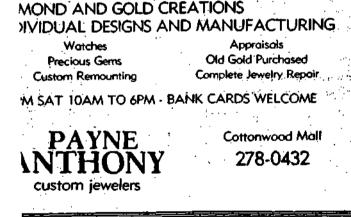
In connection with the visual aids, sales representatives verbally affirmed the depicted improvements would be part of the finished product, the state alleges, but during the course of construction, the defendant companies' agents informed the buyers they were filing bankruptcy, had no money and would not be able to provide the promised improvements.

The state alleges the representations were false at the time they were made and that the misrepresentations of the companies' and individuals' financial conditions were made in order. to obtain a superior bargaining position with the buyers, forcing them into granting concessions. œssions.

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